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Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-30 and add new claims 31-40 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-30: Cancelled.

Claim 31 (New). An information managing system comprising an optical recording medium of a card shape having free and pay contents data stored in a first and second storage area thereof, respectively, a reader for reading the contents data from the recording medium, and a server system on the Internet to which
5 the reader is connectable, the server system being controlled by a center on the Internet; wherein one of the recording medium and the reader comprises:

means for permitting said reader to read the free contents
10 data and for inhibiting said reader from reading the pay contents data; and

permitting means for permitting said reader to read the pay contents data in accordance with predetermined procedures;

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wherein said predetermined procedures comprise payment of a
15 required charge to the center.

Claim 32 (New). The information managing system according
to claim 31, wherein said inhibiting means is provided in said
server system.

Claim 33 (New). The information managing system according
to claim 31, wherein said predetermined procedures comprise
inputting authentication data from said reader to said server
system.

Claim 34 (New). An information managing system comprising
an optical recording medium of a card shape having free and pay
contents data stored in a first and second storage area thereof,
respectively, a reader for reading the contents data from the
5 recording medium, and a server system on the Internet to which
the reader is connectable, the server system being controlled by
a center on the Internet, wherein one of the recording medium and
the reader comprises:

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10 a first permit apparatus which permits said reader to read
the free contents data and which inhibits said reader from
reading the pay contents data; and

a second permit apparatus which permits said reader to read
the pay contents data in accordance with predetermined
procedures,

15 wherein said predetermined procedures comprise payment of a
required charge to the center.

Claim 35 (New). The information managing system according
to claim 34, wherein said first permit apparatus is provided in
said server system.

Claim 36 (New). The information managing system according
to claim 34, wherein said predetermined procedures comprise
inputting authentication data from said reader to said server
system.

Claim 37 (New). An information managing system comprising
an optical recording medium having free and pay contents data
stored in a first and second storage area thereof, respectively,
a reader for reading the contents data from the recording medium,

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5 and a server system on the Internet to which the reader is
connectable, the server system being controlled by a center on
the Internet, wherein one of the recording medium and the reader
comprises:

means for permitting said reader to read the free contents
10 data and for inhibiting said reader from reading the pay contents
data;

permitting means for permitting said reader to read the pay
contents data in accordance with predetermined procedures,

wherein said predetermined procedures comprise payment of a
15 required charge to the center.

Claim 38 (New). The information managing system according
to claim 37, wherein said inhibiting means is provided in said
server system.

Claim 39 (New). The information managing system according
to claim 37, wherein said predetermined procedures comprise
inputting authentication data from said reader to said server
system.

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Claim 40 (New). A method of receiving data from an optical recording medium of a card shape having free and pay contents data stored in a first and second storage area thereof, respectively, a reader for reading the contents data from the recording medium, and a server system on the Internet to which the reader is connectable, the server system being controlled by a center on the Internet; the method comprising the steps of:

5 permitting said reader to read the free contents data;
inhibiting said reader from reading the pay contents data;

10 and

permitting said reader to read the pay contents data in accordance with predetermined procedures,

wherein said predetermined procedures comprise payment of a required charge to the center.